

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**  
 Beaumont Division  
**THE HONORABLE JUDGE MARCIA A. CRONE**

DATE: Tuesday, December 3, 2019  
 LOCATION: Beaumont – Courtroom 3  
 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Julia Colyer  
 COURT REPORTER: Chris Bickham  
 INTERPRETER: Ranja Hijazeen & Ghada Atiech  
 CALLED: 9:26 AM  
 ADJOURNED: 6:02 PM  
 DURATION: 7 Hours 1 Minute

CASE NUMBER: 1:17CR151-I  
 CASE NAME: USA v. Ahmed  
 DEFENDANT: MOHAMED IBRAHIM AHMED  
 COUNSEL: Pro Se  
Co-counsel: Geri Montalvo & David Adler  
 AUSA: Christopher Tortorice  
 DOJ: Alicia Cook & Katie Sweeten

**JURY TRIAL DAY 2**

*This day comes the parties by their attorneys and the following proceedings are held before the Honorable Judge Marcia A. Crone in Beaumont, Texas:*

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| Evidence presented:   | ✓   | Government  | ... | Defendant                 |
| Government's  | ... | Exhibit List  | ... | Witness List              |
| Defendant's   | ... | Exhibit List  | ... | Witness List              |
| ... Parties conclude all evidence                           | ... | Parties present final arguments                             |     |                           |
| ... Court provides jury with Jury Instructions/Court Charge |     |   |     |                           |
| ... Jury begins deliberations                               | ... | Jury continues deliberations                                | ... | Jury submits jury note(s) |
| ... Jury reaches a verdict:                                 |     |   |     |                           |
| ... Trial ends  | ✓   | Court remands defendant into the custody of the US Marshals |     |                           |

**ADDITIONAL PROCEEDINGS:**

9:26 AM Court is called. AUSA Christopher Tortorice is present on behalf of the government. Counsel Alicia Cook and Counsel Katie Sweeten are also present on behalf of the government. The defendant is present and in the custody of the US Marshals. Counsel Geri Montalvo and Counsel David Adler are also present.

9:00 AM The jury panel enters the courtroom.

9:35 AM Counsel Sweeten begins the opening statement on behalf of the government.

10:05 AM The Court dismisses the jury for a 30-minute recess.

10:35 AM The jury returns to the courtroom.

10:45 AM The defendant begins opening statements.

10:49 AM The government objects to relevance. The Court sustains the objection.

10:56 AM The government objects that the defendant's statements are inadmissible hearsay. The Court overrules the objection.

11:18 AM The government calls witness Tommy Thompson. He is sworn and AUSA Tortorice begins direct examination of the witness.

11:22 AM The witness identifies the defendant.

11:25 AM The defendant objects that the question is leading. The Court overrules the objection.

11:39 AM AUSA Tortorice offers government's exhibit 2 (1 through 9). The Court admits it into evidence with no objection.

11:46 AM AUSA Tortorice offers government's exhibit 3. The defendant has no objection. The Court admits it.

11:58 AM AUSA Tortorice moves to admit government's exhibit 1. The defendant objects.

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12:07 PM      The Court overrules the objection and government's exhibit 1 is admitted.

12:23 PM      Court excuses the jury for lunch.

12:30 PM      Court takes a recess. (1 hour 35 minutes)

1:51 PM      Court resumes outside the presence of the jury.

1:56 PM      The defendant begins cross examination of the witness.

1:57 PM      AUSA Tortorice objects that the defendant is not examining the witness in question form, and the Court sustains the objection. AUSA Tortorice objects again, and the Court sustains the objection.

2:27 PM      AUSA Tortorice objects due to reading from a document. The Court sustains the objection. AUSA Tortorice objects again, and the Court sustains the objection.

2:39 PM      AUSA Tortorice objects that the defendant is not examining the witness in question form. The Court sustains the objection and verbally admonishes the defendant.

2:41 PM      AUSA Tortorice objects that question is outside the witness's scope of expertise. The Court sustains the objection.

2:50 PM      AUSA Tortorice objects that the question is repetitive. The Court overrules the objection.

2:51 PM      AUSA Tortorice objects that the question is repetitive. The Court sustains the objection.

2:53 PM      AUSA Tortorice objects that the question is repetitive again. The Court sustains the objection.

3:00 PM      AUSA Tortorice objects that the question is not relevant. The Court sustains the objection.

3:09 PM      AUSA Tortorice objects and the Court sustains the objection.

3:15 PM      AUSA Tortorice objects that the question causes for speculation. The Court sustains the objection.

3:17 PM      AUSA Tortorice objects that defendant is reading from documents not in evidence. The Court sustains the objection.

3:18 PM      AUSA Tortorice objects that the defendant is not examining the witness in question form. The Court sustains the objection.

3:28 PM      AUSA Tortorice objects that question is outside the witness's scope of expertise. The Court sustains the objection.

3:29 PM      AUSA Tortorice objects again that question is outside the witness's scope of expertise. The Court sustains the objection.

3:33 PM      AUSA Tortorice objects and the Court overrules the objection.

3:39 PM      The Court excuses the witness with no objections. The jury is dismissed for a break.

4:03 PM      Proceedings occur outside the presence of the jury.

4:11 PM      The jury returns to the courtroom. The government calls witness Corey Shannon. He is sworn, and AUSA Tortorice begins direct examination of the witness.

4:16 PM      The witness identifies the defendant.

4:23 PM      The defendant objects to the AUSA's question as leading. It is sustained.

4:26 PM      The defendant objects that the witness is unresponsive. The Court overrules the objection.

4:27 PM      The defendant objects. The Court instructs AUSA Tortorice to ask another question.

4:33 PM      AUSA Tortorice offers government's exhibit 7. The defendant objects that the exhibit did not belong to him. The Court overrules the objection due to witness testimony. Government's exhibit 7 is admitted.

4:39 PM      The defendant objects that AUSA Tortorice did not ask a question. The Court overrules the objection.

4:42 PM      The defendant objects to AUSA Tortorice's use of the word "Jihad." The objection is overruled.

4:58 PM      AUSA Tortorice makes a motion to admit government's exhibit 24 (A-I) and government's exhibit 25 (A-I). The defendant objects that the transcripts are incorrect. The Court admits the exhibits. The exhibits are published to the jury.

5:33 PM      The defendant objects to the video exhibit. The defendant objects to the government's exerts of the video. The Court overrules the objection, informing the defendant he may play any portion of the video for the jury.

5:58 PM      The Court excuses the jury for the day. Proceedings continue outside the jury's presence.

6:02 PM      Court adjourns.